

# Adair County 4-H & Extension News

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## Spring = Animal Project Planning!

Spring is just around the corner (well, the vernal equinox is – who knows about the weather)!

With spring comes a ramping up of activity for livestock and pet projects, and in this newsletter you will find lots of information about a lot of project areas!

Be sure to get YQCA training done before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, the connection between YQCA and 4hOnline will end this month. 4-H staff has been promised a way to access certification information for exhibitors through the YQCA website itself, but no one knows what that looks like yet. To be sure we get your certification number in our records, **if you complete YQCA training online or through another trainer (an FFA chapter, another county, etc.), please email us a copy of your certificate as soon as you earn it.** If you have already completed YQCA training this year, regardless of the format, we have your information.

We still have three YQCA opportunities: Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, and May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, to be held in the Green Room. Sign up at [yqca.learnrow.io](http://yqca.learnrow.io). YQCA certification is required for all exhibitors showing beef, bottle calves, dairy animals, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. YQCA is not needed to show cats, dogs, horses, or llamas.



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## Iowa 4-H Livestock/Animal Project Guide

**ALL** 4-Hers and families with animal projects need to read [Iowa 4-H publication 202](#). The Guide provides info on deadlines, limits on numbers of animals, and ownership rules. 4-Hers must own their animals (horses are allowed a lease), and the 4-Her must take an active and majority role in the daily care of the animal. Dogs and horses may be ID'd by siblings if both are 4-H members.

### Bottle Lambs and Bucket/Bottle Calf Tags

Tags will be available in the office starting March 15th. Cost is \$1.50 apiece.



### Cat Project Workshop

Calling all kitties! Adair County Cat Superintendent, Kim Pepin, is hosting a cat workshop on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H/FFA Building on the fairgrounds at 10am. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their cat (or a stuffed animal if said cat is not yet ready to make a public debut). Contact Valerie to RSVP.

### 2022 Dairy Goat Share-a-Kid

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association Share-A-Kid contest is open to youth in 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. Previous winners are ineligible. If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.

### 2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic



Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a **FREE** dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you – there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic.

Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So...if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day, this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all about! Please **RSVP** by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this FREE event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!



### Dog Project Meeting

All exhibitors planning to participate in the dog show at the Adair County Fair, please plan on attending the dog project meeting with superintendent Daniella Noland on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Extension Office conference room. Contact the office if you cannot attend.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for identifying beef (except market), dairy, dog, horse, meat goat, sheep, and swine on 4hOnline**



## Equine Extravaganza

Equine Extravaganza provides opportunities for all youth in grades 4 through 12 to share their knowledge of the equine industry through a variety of competitions and participatory events. The Extravaganza will be held at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, March 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Register on 4hOnline under the Events tab.

### Horse Project



Any members are interested in showing horses at the county fair, please contact the Extension Office so we can get you signed up for practices. First practice is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H/FFA Lamb and Meat Goat Weigh-In

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Adair County Fairgrounds  
in Greenfield



### State Fair Lambs and Meat Goats

8:00am – 8:30am

Retinal imaging at Adair County Veterinary Clinic (407 SE Noble St., Greenfield) immediately following your weigh-in at the fair scale.

### County Fair Only Lambs and Meat Goats

Weigh in 8:30am – 10:00am

Payment for retinal imaging and tags must be submitted at weigh-in. Animal identification forms must be filled out and submitted at weigh-in.

Please RSVP by contacting the office.

## Think: Chickens! Broilers!



If you are considering Poultry as a project, start planning for chicks! March is a good time to get pullets. This will let them grow to a suitable size for county fair.

The Extension Office will order broilers through Nodaway Ag. Call the Extension Office by 5pm on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to place your order. Cost is \$1.79 per bird. Anticipated pick-up date is June 7<sup>th</sup>. You may pay for the birds at pick-up.

A note on avian influenza: Yes, avian influenza has been confirmed in Kentucky and West Virginia. Iowa 4-H is monitoring the situation closely. At this time, there are no restrictions on poultry shows for this year's fairs. 4-Hers are reminded to practice thorough biosecurity measures such as washing your hands before and after handling your birds, changing boots and/or clothes between different farms, keeping visitors to a minimum, and reporting sick birds to a veterinarian immediately. More information is available at [Defend the Flock](#).

### Swine Tagging



Swine tags and taggers will be available in the office throughout the month of April. Please plan to return the taggers shortly after using them.

Ear notch information must also be entered in 4hOnline. Tags and ear notches can be confirmed by uploading a photo that clearly shows the animal's tag and notches on both ears, or can be confirmed with a visit from Extension staff. If that is your preference, please contact Val to arrange a visit.



## Hit Me With Your Best Shot Photography Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photo contest to youth in grades K-13. In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them. Submit one image (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences on why it's important to you by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Find more information here: ["Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules [here](#).

### Youth Council

The Youth Council met on Sunday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Extension Office Conference room at 3:00pm. Six members were present. Members decided that the money for t-shirts would come out of the Youth Council fund, signed up for times to help with the rescheduled Fair Board Soup Luncheon, opted to sell ice cream sandwiches from Casey Creamery as a fundraiser again, with sales in May and deliveries in June, and discussed hosting a blood drive as a community service project. Brandon gave an update on the Youth Action Committee, and members signed up to help with the remaining Clover Kids meetings. 4<sup>th</sup> of July was discussed, but members plan on being busy with their own clubs' floats, booths, etc. The next Youth Council meeting date is set for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm, in the Extension Conference Room.

**Looking for a club outing?  
Raccoon Valley Radio in  
Stuart is willing to give tours  
of their station to 4-H clubs!  
Contact Chris at  
515-465-5357.**



March Mammal Madness 2022 is upon us! Brackets featuring this year's contenders are out now at the [Arizona State University Library website](#). Print your bracket or pick one up at the Adair Extension Office. Submit your completed bracket to the office by end of the day on March 14<sup>th</sup> to participate in the 2022MMM Adair County Extension Contest! Prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place high-scoring brackets in the Adult, 4-H Senior/Intermediate, and 4-H Junior/Clover age divisions. Follow along on the official March Mammal Madness social media ([Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [blog](#)) or watch for updates on the MASSIVE EXTENSION OFFICE BRACKETS! Revel in the glory of the champions! Agonize with the defeat of the fallen! Engage with stoats as a unit of measurement! It's all part of the madness – March Mammal Madness!

### Ag Exploration Day

Adair, Cass, East Pott., and West Pott. Extensions are teaming up to offer Ag Exploration Day on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. FFA chapters in those counties are invited to bring members for a day of workshops and a career fair.

Special thanks to the Adair County Cattlemen for sponsoring Caramel the Calf, a hands-on model of cow and calf birthing process, and to FNB and Adair County Farm Bureau for providing for the lunch!



## County Fair Trophies

The Adair County Extension Office is now accepting sponsorships for County Fair trophies and banners! Please stop in or contact us if you are interested in sponsoring!

## AgOvation State-Wide Opportunity

Innovation + agriculture = AgOvation! AgOvation is a research-based competition that challenges youth to explore and develop innovative science-based solutions to agricultural problems that they identify in their own communities. Youth in grades 7 through 12 work in teams of two to five members to develop a project and create a presentation to share their results, findings and/or created solution/product. See the [website](#) for more info and to register by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### *Record Books, Bit by Bit...*

*Write your 4-H story! This short essay near the front of your record book introduces you to others who read your record book.*

## Pop Tabs for Jacy

Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his courageous battle with cancer during his 2017-18 term on Council. Each year since then, the State Council has chosen to continue Jacy's collection efforts in honor of his passion for serving others and giving back. All pop tabs will be donated to a Ronald McDonald House in Iowa. This memorial pop tab collection will take place February 14-June 28, 2022. The State Council has a goal to collect 10 pounds from each of the 100 Extension offices. You may drop off pop tabs at the Adair County Extension Office during open office hours.

**Save the Date for SOFA!  
This year's Speak Out For  
Agriculture bus trip will be  
travelling to South Dakota on  
June 14 – 16. 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders,  
mark your calendars!**

## Opportunities for 4-H Seniors...

### Area Scholarships for High School Seniors

High school seniors – be sure to check out available area scholarships listed at the [ISU Extension and Outreach, Adair County's Scholarship Listing page](#).

Upcoming scholarship deadlines:

- Adair County Cattlemen, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Adair County Pork Producers, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Adair County 4-H Booster Club, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Farmers Electric Cooperative, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Kelly Laughery 4-H Community Service, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>

Watch for more as information is updated!

### Teen Leaders Needed for Ag Innovators Experience

The AIE Unlock Ag Innovation Challenge is a fun escape-room-type challenge where youth look for clues to discover advances in agriculture when solving a challenge and moving to the next challenge. Iowa 4-H is looking for youth in grades 9-12 who have an interest in agriculture to facilitate the challenge with youth. This program provides teens with opportunities to develop leadership skills, increase their knowledge about agriculture, and increase ag literacy engagement in their communities. For more information contact [Maya Hayslett](#). [To apply, complete this form](#) by March 4.



# Gardening Workshop Series



Adair County 4-Hers interested in expanding their gardening know-how are encouraged to join us for a series of gardening workshops, funded by a grant from the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation. Every month through October will have a gardening workshop and will feature timely gardening topics.

Our next workshop is on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Extension Office conference room. We will map out our gardens for the season and make seed tape for 4-Hers to take home. **Please RSVP.**

## Greenfield Garden Club

The Greenfield Garden Club will meet at the Bridgewater Café on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. New members welcome! Contact Grace Evans, (641) 745-5318 for more information.

### Next Clover Kids Meeting:

**Note: There will be NO Clover Kids meeting in March! Clover Kids will meet in April and May.**

*Join us on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 to 11:30am!*



## Gardening Corner

The following gardening events are happening this month. For more information on any, please contact the Extension Office.

2<sup>nd</sup> – ISU Master Gardener Winter Webinar: Grafting

8<sup>th</sup> – Greenfield Garden Club

8<sup>th</sup> – ISU Master Gardener Winter Webinar: Starting a Cutting Garden

20<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Gardening Workshop



*4-Hers learned how to sew pillowcases with flat fell seams at the February sewing workshop*

## Club Leaders...

- ✓ Complete your Annual Volunteer Training. If you were unable to attend in-person in October, you must complete the training online, which is now available on 4hOnline. Contact Val or check your email if you need help to find the training.
- ✓ Do you have any stealth members? If youth are coming to your meetings and participating in your activities, they need to be active members! If participants are not listed on your roster, please talk to the families about getting signed up for 4-H.
- ✓ Save the date for a 4-H Leader Retreat in Oakland on September 17, 2022!
- ✓ NEW Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15-20 minutes sessions that dive into topics that 4-H volunteers can apply to their role. The sessions will be held on the first Friday of the month at Noon on Zoom. This month's Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon and will focus on **Accommodations 101 – Information and Tips on Making 4-H Accessible for All**. All of the sessions can be accessed with this Zoom link: <http://go.iastate.edu/R0BG6A>.
- ✓ This month's "Vibrant Clubs" publication is [Horse BINGO \(updated\)](#).



## Mother and Son, Father and Daughter Nights

The Washington Stars 4-H Club has planned a weekend of fun for parents and children!

Mother and Son Nerf Night will be hosted at the Adair County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Center on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person. You bring the Nerf guns, the club provides blue Nerf bullets!



The Daddy Daughter Dance will be on the following night, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, also from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the 4-H/FFA Center. The cost to attend this fundraiser is \$10 per family. Families with preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade daughters are invited to have fun at an evening of dancing, refreshments, games, and more! Dress is semi-formal.

### WANTED: Summer Help

The Adair Extension Office is looking to hire two summer interns for 2022. Interns help with day camps, county fair, and general office work. More info and application materials can be found at

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/>.

### Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

[Competitions](#) will be held Saturday, April 9 at Iowa State University in Kildee Hall. Livestock quiz bowl is a team event for 4th-12th graders where they test their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats. Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, quality assurance, selection, meat evaluation, and other livestock skills. Registration is open through 4hOnline until April 1.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext).

### Save the Date

June 5 - 7, 2022

Summer Camp for Grades 5, 6 & 7  
At Guthrie Grove Retreat Center –  
Guthrie Center, Iowa

Registration Opens Soon! Watch your  
4-H Newsletter for More Information.



### Animal Science Round-Up

Applications for the 2022 Animal Science Roundup are due March 15. Roundup coincides with the State 4-H Conference June 28-30 in Ames. Youth wanting to attend the Roundup portion need to fill out the [JotForm application](#). Youth will be notified by April 1 of their approval and for what species. Youth selected for Roundup MUST register in 4-H Online for the Animal Science Roundup event, NOT State 4-H Conference. Youth not selected for Roundup CAN attend 4-H Conference and can then register for that event in 4-H Online. Information can be found on the [Roundup website](#).



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# March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications due	2 9am Orn./ Turf-grass Training 6pm Grafting Webinar 7pm Fair Board Meeting	3	4 12pm Volunteer Lunch & Learn Teen Ag Innovators applications due	5 10am Clover Kids Meeting – CANCELLED – see you in April and May!
6	7	8 1:30pm Greenfield Garden Club meeting 7pm Cutting Garden Webinar	9	10 National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit begins	11	12 10am Cat Workshop
13 3pm Youth Council Mtg. National 4-H Agri-Science Youth Summit ends	14 March Mammal Madness bracket due to the Office!	15 IDGA Share-a-Kid applications due Animal Science Round-Up applications due	16	17	18 6-8pm Mother Son Nerf Night	19 6-8pm Daddy Daughter Dance
20 2pm Gardening Workshop 4:00pm Dog Project Meeting	21	22	23	24 5:30pm YQCA	25 Youth Equine Extravaganza in Iowa Falls	26
27 Youth Equine Extravaganza in Iowa Falls	28 7pm Extension Council Meeting	29	30	31 MN Photography Contest entries due		



# April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12pm Volunteer Lunch & Learn AgOvation and Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon team entries due	2 10am Clover Kids Meeting
3	4 Swine tagging open?	5	6 March Mammal Madness Championship Round	7	8	9 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon
10	11	12 1:30pm Greenfield Garden Club meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18 Swine tagging closed?	19	20	21	22	23 8am Lamb/Meat Goat Weigh-In
24	25 7pm Extension Council Meeting	26 Ag Exploration Day in Lewis	27	28	29 Iowa 4-H Connect Camp begins (thru 5/1)	30